

*Amendments to the Claims*

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application.

1-16. (canceled)

17. (currently amended) A method of treating or preventing an immune response-associated disorder, said method comprising administering, to a subject, in which such treatment or prevention is desired, an effective amount of a therapeutic selected from the group consisting of:

- (a) a nucleic acid encoding the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:6 ~~the nucleic acid of claim 1;~~
- (b) the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:6 ~~claim 10;~~ and
- (c) an [[the]] antibody that specifically binds to the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:6 ~~of claim 12.~~

18-25. (canceled)

26. (currently amended) A method of treating a pathological state in a mammal, the method comprising administering to a subject, [[the]] an antibody that specifically binds to the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:6 ~~of claim 12~~ in an amount sufficient to alleviate the pathological state.